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## Legislative Update

**BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE**  
**A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District**

**Garcia's**

### **BILL OF THE WEEK!**

#### **SB 906:**

Senator Garcia introduced SB 906 this week. The bill is directly linked to HB 5047, PA 225 the chief component in the economic diversification package. The bill would require the State Administrative Board to hire a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO). The CCO's tasks would be to prevent illegal, unethical or improper conduct in the operation of the diversification project.

The officer's primary functions would be to assist the Michigan Strategic Fund Board with the:

- Creation
- Implementation
- Monitoring, and
- Enforcement of policies

#### **Numerous bills were introduced this week!**

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org) and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at [senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov).

### **Senator Garcia's bills signed into law**

Sen. Garcia sponsored SB 359, now PA 213 and SB 533, now PA 215 that were both signed into law last week by the governor as part of the "Jobs Program". SB 359 creates a Michigan Life Sciences Pipeline to promote the development of businesses providing goods and services related to the development and commercialization in the life sciences. Those life science companies who share its technologies and research with other life science organizations will receive more weight in their application when applying for grant and loan money from the state.

SB 533 establishes a grant and loan program focused on the commercialization of competitive edge technologies to promote jobs in Michigan. The legislation creates a peer-review program using bond proceeds to encourage the development of competitive edge technologies in the fields of manufacturing and materials technology, homeland security and defense technology, life science technology and advanced automotive.